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Honorable Tom Harkin  
United States Senator  
210 Walnut Street  
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Dear Senator Harkin:

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February 24, 1993

Linda Townsend-Solheim, Director  
Legislative Affairs  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M St. NW, Room 808  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Townsend-Solheim:

I have been contacted by Michael Lewis, requesting my assistance regarding the Federal Communications Commission's proposed changes to the 72-76 mhz radio bands.

Please find enclosed a copy of the correspondence which I have received related to this matter. I appreciate your review of the issues raised by this constituent and ask that you forward your response to my Des Moines office listed below.

Sincerely,

  
Tom Harkin  
United States Senator

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Please help me and thousands of others like me to continue the safe enjoyment of our pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72 to 76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

*Michael S. Lewis*  
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February 19, 1993

Honorable Tom Harkin  
210 Walnut St.  
Des Moines, IA 50309

Senator Harkin,

It has come to my attention that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has issued a "Notice of Proposed Rule Making" (NPRM-PR Docket 92-235) which if implemented will have a profound effect on Radio Control Model frequency use.

I have been an avid user of radio control equipment all of my life. During the past seven years I have been unable to pursue this hobby. However, I have sparked a new interest in flying radio controlled aircraft over the past three years and invested in electronic equipment, airplane kits, covering material and assorted hobby related material valued at over \$1000.00.

The proceeding FCC rule change, PR Docket 92-235 if adopted will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

The frequencies in use for RC aircraft are in the 72 to 76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private, land, mobile-dispatch operations. Thus far the RC use of these frequencies has been separated enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

PR Docket 92-235 will create more land mobile frequencies by splitting the existing frequencies into narrower band widths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, much of the land mobile frequencies will move closer to the RC frequencies and cause interference to the RC operations. It has come to my attention that of the 50 frequencies presently available for use of RC aircraft, 19 will be left if the new rules are adopted.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio-control modelers. The FCC may not think that I am as important as the business radio users, but I have a considerable investment in my models and radio equipment. I also feel that my experiences with building, flying and creating model airplanes is just as important as that of the mobile land radio operators.

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REMARKS: Respond to the attention of Norma Boge in the  
Des Moines, IA office.

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Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Townsend-Solheim:

I have been contacted by Jonathan Buss regarding his concerns about an FCC proposal to rearrange and shorten band widths in the 72-76 megahertz range. For your reference, enclosed is a copy of the correspondence Mr. Buss sent to me.

At this time, I would like to express my interest in this matter. Any further information or comments you may be in a position to provide concerning this matter would be greatly appreciated. Please respond to Norma Boge, in my Des Moines office, at the address printed below.

Thank you for your time and assistance. I look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,



Tom Harkin  
United States Senator

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To The Honorable

Tom Harkin

733 Federal Building

Des Moines, Ia 50309

Re: PR Docket 92-235

Dear Senator Harkin:

My two sons, ages 11 and 14, and I have enjoyed many hours of building and flying various sizes of radio-controlled airplanes. We are active in the local R/C club and construct various planes each winter and fly in warmer weather.

This hobby is a positive family activity, teaches aviation science, patience, building skills and helps build morale for youngsters. My fourteen-year-old has



The FCC now wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. Our radio frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. Up until now, we have been able to share the band without interference. As a result of the reorganization, I am afraid that interference will occur with our radios and put equipment, and most importantly, people at risk. These planes are capable of causing serious injury, and even death, if radio interference causes the pilot to lose control of the plane. <sup>Safety is a prime concern of all pilots!</sup>

We fly at an "airfield" that our club leases just east of Ames. On nice

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a financial investment in our hobby  
and it is important to our family.

Please help us continue the safe  
enjoyment of our pasttime by not  
allowing the FCC to carry out its  
proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

If there is anything I could do  
to answer questions regarding radios  
for this hobby, etc., please call.  
(515-292-7736)

Sincerely,

Jon Buss  
(dad)

Lonnie Buss  
(Mom)

Bryan Buss  
(age 14)

Kevin Buss  
(age 11)